

# WELCOME TO K2 ESU



There's a few things you need to do straight away:

- Read through this information.
- Fill in and return attached forms.
- Join our Facebook group (Explorers & parents).
- Keep this somewhere safe.

Who are we?

K2 Explorer Scout unit is run by the Explorer Scout Leader - John - and a team of Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders.

We are based in Rhosnesni, but Scouts from any troop in Wrexham can join us when they reach 14, as well as those who have never been to Scouts before.



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Where do those badges go?



Please note, while all K2 members are expected to have an Explorer uniform Shirt and District necker, on most evenings, members wear their unit polo shirt or hoodie. These are available for order from the unit using the enclosed order form.

#### Where and when do we meet?

We meet once a week during the school term on Monday nights, 7:30-9:30pm, in the Scout Hut on Dean Road. We often meet elsewhere, so John texts all members/parents on Saturdays to tell you what to bring, or where to meet on the following Monday. Information is also posted on our Facebook group, so it's important that you join this!

If you're unsure, check online, or phone John on 07912 539146 before the Monday.

#### What do members need?

For the first few meetings your child needs nothing at all to experience the adventure of Scouting. Once your child is sure they want to become a member, and we've received the first payment of subs within 4 weeks of joining (see 'what will it cost'), they'll be given a neckerchief and unit badge and arrangements will be made for them to be invested.

They will also need an Explorer Scout shirt, available from Wrexham District Scout HQ, Station Approach. The shop is open Wednesday nights in school terms from 6:30-8:30pm. Details of unit merchandise are on the enclosed form.

#### What will it cost?

We charge subscriptions ('subs') to cover costs of equipment and the upkeep of the meeting place. This also includes the Explorer Scouts' annual membership fee paid to headquarters for the day-to-day running of The Scout Association and includes insurance for all members. The annual subs is £111 and you can pay this in one go, once a year, or split it up into three payments of £37 per term.

Subs must be paid within four weeks of the start of term. Please bring a cheque, or cash, for the right amount and hand it to our unit treasurer. Cheques should be payable to 'K2 Explorer Scout Unit' and have your child's name and K2 ESU SUBS written clearly on the back.

An extra charge is normally required for special events, camps, and other outings.

#### Gift Aid

If you pay tax, we can use Gift Aid to claim 25p for every £1 you give in subs or donations. all you need to do is sign the Gift Aid form (downloadable from the website). All the money will be used to benefit members of the unit.

## Leadership

The unit leaders are unpaid volunteers who are required to undertake training or learning appropriate to their role. Explorer Scout Leaders are responsible to a District Explorer Scout Commissioner, who in turn is responsible to a District Commissioner.

If you have any questions, concerns of complaints please speak to the Unit Leader. If your concern is about the Leader, please contact the District Explorer Scout Commissioner. If they're not available or you are still not satisfied, try the District Commissioner whose details are available from the Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818.

## Parental Permission

It is taken as understood that you give your permission for your child to take part in Explorer Scout activities during the normal meeting time. Your permission is sometimes needed for specific events, camps and activities that may take place at a different place or time. You will be asked to complete a parental consent form in such circumstances.

## Medical/dietary Information

It is essential that you inform the section leader if your son/daughter suffers from any medical condition or if they require any specialist medicines or treatments.

It is also necessary for information to be supplied to the section leader about any dietary needs. Please complete the details on the Essential Information form and update the leaders if circumstances change.

## Supporting your Child

The Scout Association encourages you to support your child's involvement in Scout activities. Please:

- Ensure you are happy with, and fully aware of, the way your child gets to Explorer Scouts and gets back, whether you give them a lift or they make their own way.
- Encourage your child to arrive on time and ensure that they are fully aware of what they need to bring or what they need to wear.
- Take an interest in what they're doing in Explorer Scouts.
- Return forms and payment on time. If you have difficulties completing forms or making payments, please speak in confidence to the Leader.
- Inform the Explorer Scout Leader of any additional needs that your child may have and any medication required e.g. inhalers.
- Inform the Explorer Scout Leader of any change in the family situation that is likely to affect your child's behaviour. It is not necessary to give details. All information will be treated in confidence.

## More Information

You can contact the Explorer Scout Leader, John, on 07912 539146 or via emailing [k2esu.wxm@gmail.com](mailto:k2esu.wxm@gmail.com). Please don't phone John on Mondays, he's usually busy!

Visit the website and social media profiles here:

**W:** [k2esu.org.uk](http://k2esu.org.uk)

**T:** @K2esu

**F:** K2 ESU - All members and parents should be members of this group.

**E:** [k2esu.wxm@gmail.com](mailto:k2esu.wxm@gmail.com)



## Code of Conduct

**The Explorer Scouts wrote the Code of Conduct themselves. Members are expected to follow it - sanctions for not doing so were also agreed by the Explorer Scouts and are outlined below:**

**Do try to attend as much of the programme as you can.**

**Do wear polo shirts, hoodies or uniform to every meeting, unless told otherwise.**

**Don't let games get out of hand.**

**Do pay subs within the first 4 weeks of the school term.**

**Don't expect someone else to do it for you.**

**Do turn up on time to meetings and activities.**

**Do have fun.**

**Do purchase a uniform shirt within 4 weeks of joining.**

**Don't exclude other people, or form gangs.**

**Do listen to others and respect their opinions.**

**Don't spoil things for other people.**

**Do tell your mates about K2 and invite them to come and see what it's like.**

**Do treat everyone equally.**

**Don't smoke during meetings.**

**Don't hurt people, physically or emotionally.**

**Do be careful when doing something that may be dangerous.**

**Do act in a mature way.**

**Don't be an idiot.**

**Do take an active part in activities and meetings.**

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Do write your name and what it's for on the back of cheques.

Don't leave it until the last minute to find out what's going on.

Do help others.

Don't damage property or possessions.

Do tell people if you can't make meetings.

In order for us to maintain the running of the unit safely and effectively we may need to use the following sanctions to persuade those who go against the Code that they shouldn't:

- Removal from an activity for a short period of time.
- Verbal warning recorded by the Explorer Scout Leader.
- On the 3rd verbal warning the Explorer Scout will be banned from attending the next activity or meeting - if polo shirt, hoodie or uniform is not worn to a 3rd meeting, they will be sent home.
- In some cases an immediate ban may be deserved. A ban of longer than one week may be carried over to a major camp or activity.
- Should a person be banned a letter will be sent to their parent or carer.
- If subs are not paid by the end of the month they were due in, the Explorer Scout will not be allowed to attend again until this is paid.
- If property is maliciously or recklessly damaged, or lost, it will be paid for.
- In exceptional circumstances Explorer Scouts who severely or continually break the Code of Conduct may be asked to leave the unit.
- Should a criminal act be committed, we will not hesitate in involving the Police.

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The scheme is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities. It is designed to support the personal and social development of young people aged 14-25, regardless of gender, background or ability. The award offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time. It runs in parallel to the Scout Awards, so that one activity counts for both awards.

New members who would like to take on the award will need to enrol to get involved. This costs £20.50 for Bronze and Silver and £27.50 for Gold. If you want your son or daughter to start on the scheme, please fill in the enclosed enrolment form and send a cheque or cash for the relevant amount, made payable to 'K2 Explorer Scout Unit' with your child's name and 'DofE Bronze/Silver/Gold' (as appropriate) written clearly on the back, to our Unit Treasurer.

Participation in the DofE Scheme is optional, but we do recommend it.

### DofE/Camp Kit List

This is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award recommended kit list. To get used to taking it on expedition, we recommend you bring all of this on every camp, unless otherwise told. Quantities of some items depends on level and duration of expedition.

#### TO WEAR WHILE WALKING

- 1x pair walking boots (broken in)
- 1x pair walking socks
- 1x thermal top/t-shirt
- 1x jumper (woollen or fleece)

1x walking trousers (warm, not jeans)

#### PERSONAL KIT (TO CARRY)

- 1x large rucksack (approximately 55-65 litre capacity)
- 2x strong, large plastic bags (to line your rucksack)
- 1x sleeping mat
- 1x sleeping bag (in a waterproof bag)
- 1x sleeping bag liner (optional)
- 1x survival bag
- 1x personal first aid kit
- 1x watch
- 1x whistle
- Small quantity of money (optional)
- 1x notebook & pen/pencil
- 1x torch & spare battery
- 1x emergency food rations
- 1x water bottle (to hold 1 or 2 litres)
- 1x knife, fork, spoon
- 1x pocket knife (small)
- 1x plate/bowl/mug
- 1x box of matches (sealed in a dry container)
- 1x wash kit
- 1x towel
- 1x waterproof & windproof coat
- 3x pairs underwear
- 2x pairs walking socks
- 2x t-shirts
- 1x spare jumper (woollen or fleece)
- 1x spare walking trousers (not jeans)
- 1x pair of trainers (optional)
- 1x hat (warm)
- 1x pair gloves
- 1x pair shorts (if appropriate)
- 1x sunhat & suncream (if appropriate)
- 1x thermal long johns (optional)
- 1x pair gaiters (optional)
- 1x waterproof over trousers (essential for Gold & wild country)

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